

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A seat slide apparatus for a vehicle comprising:

a lower rail assembled to a vehicle seat;

5 an upper rail slidably engaging with the corresponding upper rail for supporting the vehicle seat;

a loop-shaped release handle supported by the upper rail on its end portion for releasing the engagement between the upper rail and the lower rail;

a bracket fixed to the upper rail for detachably supporting the release handle;

10 an opening portion formed on the bracket allowing the end portion of the release handle to pass there through; and

a flexible tongue formed on the bracket and adapted to be flexibly movable in vertical direction for engaging with a stopper piece provided at the end portion of the release handle.

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2. A seat slide apparatus for a vehicle according to the claim 1, wherein the bracket comprises a vertical piece including the opening portion and a horizontal piece including an H-shaped punched portion for forming the flexible tongue.

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3. A seat slide apparatus for a vehicle according to the claim 2, wherein the vertical piece of the bracket includes an elastic piece for holding the release handle.

4. A seat slide apparatus for a vehicle according to the claim 2, wherein the end portion of the release handle includes a second punched portion for forming a stopper piece.
- 5 5. A seat slide apparatus for a vehicle according to the claim 4, wherein the end portion of the release handle includes a pair of opposed vertical portions with a distance and a base portion having the stopper piece.
- 10 6. A seat slide apparatus for a vehicle according to the claim 5, wherein a flange portion formed on the stopper piece for engaging with an end portion of the flexible tongue becomes disengaged from the end portion of the flexible tongue when the flexible tongue is pushed up.